

Who should be able to interrupt wireless service? I believe that, generally, no one should be able to interrupt wireless service without severe restrictions. When the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Authority interrupted service to quell the peoples right to freely express their dissatisfaction, they acted un-Constitutionally.

When Government acts to inhibit legally protected speech, no matter how inconvenient it is, that is wrong. Granted, the protesters in San Francisco would have had a negative impact on BART's operations – that was their intent. Neither the Government (at ANY level) nor private business has a right to inhibit free speech just to minimize their inconvenience. Where would we, as Americans be today, if the Founding Fathers had not dumped British tea into Boston Harbor? Did that not inconvenience many businesses and private individuals as well as the Colonial Government? And yet we look at them as heroes rather than nuisances.

The same criteria need to be used today. Yes, protesters could organize a flash mob. Yes, protesters could cause massive inconvenience to the public. Yes, a terrorist could use a cell phone to detonate an IED. How many times has that happened in this country? I'll grant that, just because it hasn't happened that doesn't mean it can't, but this is a weak argument for allowing the Government a blanket right to interrupt wireless service when leaving it on will be inconvenient.

We have already ceded too many individual rights to the Government over the last 11 years. If we don't stop ceding our rights to assemble, to be secure in our homes, to be free from Government intrusion in our private lives, we will eventually have no rights to give up. I am opposed to ANY entity, government or private, having the authority to interrupt communications just because something may inconvenience them. The only time this should be allowed is when the Government can present clear and reasonable proof that massive loss of life is about to occur. Short of that, our Republic can withstand a little inconvenience.

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